



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5739

January Session, 2003

AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL SAFETY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-212a of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsection (d) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

3 (NEW) (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, if the
4 Governor declares a civil preparedness emergency pursuant to section
5 28-9, medication may be administered in schools without the written
6 authorization of the parent or guardian of a child provided each local
7 and regional board of education notifies parents and guardians, at
8 least annually, that the parents or guardians may submit a written
9 statement to the board withholding consent to such administration of
10 medication. If the parents or guardians of a child submit such
11 statement, no medication shall be administered to such child pursuant
12 to this subsection.

13 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-221d of the general statutes is
14 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
15 *1, 2003*):

16 (a) On and after July 1, 1994, each local and regional board of
17 education shall (1) require each applicant for a position in a public
18 school to state whether such person has ever been convicted of a crime
19 or whether criminal charges are pending against such person at the

20 time of such person's application, (2) require, subject to the provisions
21 of subsection (d) of this section, each person hired by the board after
22 July 1, 1994, to submit to state and national criminal history records
23 checks within thirty days from the date of employment and may
24 require, subject to the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, any
25 person hired prior to said date to submit to state and national criminal
26 history records checks, and (3) require each worker (A) placed within a
27 school under a public assistance employment program, or (B)
28 employed by a provider of supplemental services pursuant to the No
29 Child Left Behind Act, P. L. 107-110, who performs a service involving
30 direct student contact to submit to state and national criminal history
31 records checks within thirty days from the date such worker begins to
32 perform such service. The criminal history records checks required by
33 this subsection shall be conducted in accordance with section 29-17a. If
34 the local or regional board of education receives notice of a conviction
35 of a crime which has not previously been disclosed by such person to
36 the board, the board may [(A)] (i) terminate the contract of a certified
37 employee, in accordance with the provisions of section 10-151, and
38 [(B)] (ii) dismiss a noncertified employee provided such employee is
39 notified of the reason for such dismissal, is provided the opportunity
40 to file with the board, in writing, any proper answer to such criminal
41 conviction and a copy of the notice of such criminal conviction, the
42 answer and the dismissal order are made a part of the records of the
43 board. In addition, if the local or regional board of education receives
44 notice of a conviction of a crime by a person holding a certificate,
45 authorization or permit issued by the State Board of Education or
46 employed by a provider of supplemental services, the local or regional
47 board of education shall send such notice to the State Board of
48 Education. The supervisory agent of a private school may require any
49 applicant for a position in such school or any employee of such school
50 to submit to state and national criminal history records checks in
51 accordance with the procedures described in this subsection.

52 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) Local and regional boards of
53 education may provide opportunities for students and staff to

54 participate in programs designed to educate and assist schools in the
 55 creation of safe and respectful environments for students and adults
 56 working with students. Such programs shall include, but not be
 57 limited to, seminars, workshops and student assemblies designed to
 58 encourage participants to build healthy relationships and to curb
 59 youth violence.

60 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 10-233g of the general statutes is
 61 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
 62 *1, 2003*):

63 (a) Where there is a physical assault made by a student upon a
 64 teacher or other school employee on school property or in performance
 65 of school duties and such teacher or employee [files a written report
 66 with the school principal based upon] or any other teacher or
 67 employee reports such assault to the school building principal, or the
 68 school building principal witnesses such assault, the school building
 69 principal shall report such physical assault to the local police authority.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2003</i>

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